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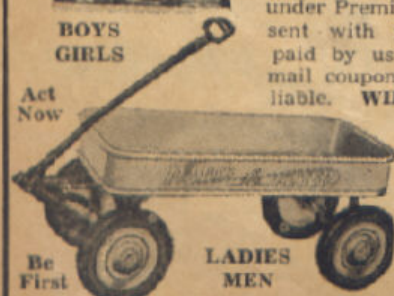
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STRAIGHT ARROW

HE DANCES IN THE CIRCLE OF EMPTY SKULLS, CALLING ON THE EVIL SPIRITS TO CURSE THE WARAXE HE THROWS INTO THE WITCH-RIDDEN SHADOWS! WITH HIS CURSE HE BRINGS DEATH AND DISASTER TO ANYONE HANDLING THAT AXE! WARRIORS LIKE BEAVER AND TALL DOG AND—YES, EVEN STRAIGHT ARROW—ARE DOOMED TO FALL VICTIM TO THE STRANGE—

"The CURSE of the SKULLS!"



THE EARLY TRAVELERS TO THE WEST WERE AMAZED TO FIND, HERE AND THERE ON THE PRAIRIES, GREAT CIRCLES OF SKULLS, WHOSE EMPTY EYESOCKETS SEEMED TO STARE OFF INTO INFINITY ITSELF...



SOMETIMES THE SKULLS WERE THOSE OF THE BUFFALO, SOMETIMES THOSE OF DEAD WARRIORS. NO WHITE MAN EVER LEARNED THE SECRETS OF THAT STRANGE CIRCLE, FOR ONLY GREAT MEDICINE MEN—MEN LIKE HORSE RUNNING—DARED TO USE THEM...

THE SUN LOWERS
BEYOND THE
WESTERN
HORIZON.

SOON NOW THE
EVIL SPIRITS SHALL
COME UP
FROM THE
LAND OF
WAYA-
DEE-HAW!



AS DARKNESS DESCENDS, HE BEGINS THE ANCIENT RITUAL....

WITH MY OWN FINGERS
I SHAPED THE AXE!
WITH MY MOUTH I
CHEWED THE THONGS
THAT BIND IT! WITH
MY BRAIN AND
CUNNING FINGERS, I
PLANNED AND
MADE IT!



SPIRITS OF DARK PLACES!
DWELLERS IN THE CAVES AND
THE EVIL CANYONS! HEAR ME!
HEAR HORSE RUNNING,
GREAT COMANCHE MEDICINE
MAN!



TAKE THE AXE, EVIL
ONES! TAKE IT AND LAY
YOUR CURSE — THE
CURSE OF DEATH
AND DISASTER TO
ALL WHO TOUCH
IT — UPON ITS BLADE
AND HANDLE!



AS IF AT A MAGIC WORD, THE WINDS SHRIEK AND
HOWL! THE PRAIRIE SANDS LIFT AND WHIRL! HUDDLED
IN HIS CIRCLE OF SKULLS, HORSE RUNNING BOWS HIS
HEAD...



THEY ARE OUTSIDE
THE SKULL CIRCLE,
CACKLING THEIR EVIL
WISHES! IF THEY COULD
GET PAST THE SKULLS,
THEY'D TEAR ME LIMB
FROM LIMB! ONLY A
BRAVE MAN MAY SUMMON
THEM UP!

THE HOURS OF THE LONG NIGHT FADE. IN THE
MORNING, A PALE SUN FINDS A SAND-POLISHED
AXE AND A HAGGARD-EYED COMANCHE WITCH-
DOCTOR...

WITH THE SACRED
ELKSKIN I LIFT THE
AXE! IF MY SKIN
TOUCHED IT — THE
CURSE WOULD FALL
ON ME!



SOME HOURS LATER, BEFORE THE TEPEE OF BEAVER,
HIGH CHIEF OF THE COMANCHE DOG-SOLDIER SOCIETY...

A WARAXE — STRONG
AND KEEN! JUST WHAT
I NEED TO LEAD THE
YOUNG MEN AGAINST
THE CROWS WHO HAVE
BEEN RAIDING OUR
BUFFALO HUNTERS!



THE SUN IS HIGH IN THE SKY AS BEAVER AND THE YOUNG COMANCHE WARRIORS, STRAIGHT ARROW AMONG THEM, SIGHT THE CROW MEAT-STEALERS...

SEE WHERE THE PUST LIFTS IN A CLOUD!

AIE! THOSE ARE THE CROWS!



STRAIGHT ARROW LEADS A LITTLE BAND TO DRAW THE CROW ARROWS —

THEY THINK WE ARE ONLY A FEW! THEY WILL FOLLOW TO KILL AND SCALP US!



HAI! I WILL STOP AS MANY AS I CAN!



LIKE A SWALLOW BEFORE A HAWK, THE GREAT COMANCHE WARCHIEF, ON HIS MIGHTY GOLDEN PALOMINO, FLEES BEFORE THE CROWS! ABOVE HIM —

SHOOT WELL! — THAT WE MAY TEACH THE CROW THIEVES A LESSON!



THEY ARE IN THE CANYON! THERE IS NO ESCAPE FORWARD!

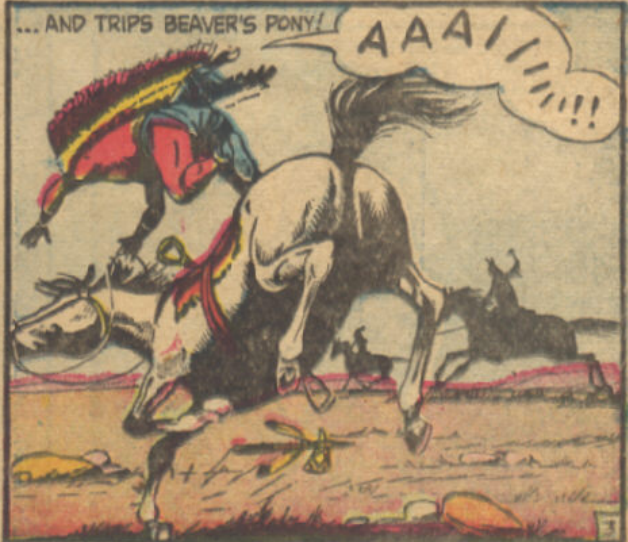


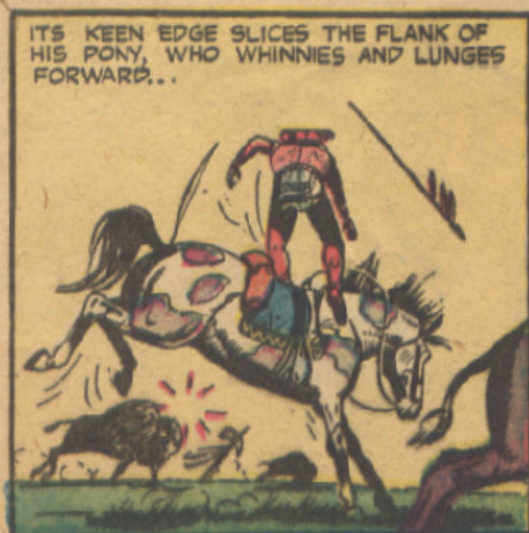
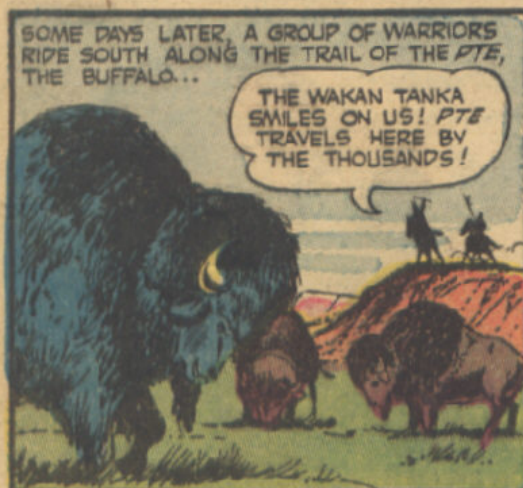
SUDDENLY HIS AXE SLIPS FROM HIS FINGERS, AS IF COATED WITH THE ROOT OF SUL-BE-YE, THE SOAP PLANT...



... AND TRIPS BEAVER'S PONY!

AAAIIII!!!





LATER, A SADDENED STRAIGHT ARROW BENDS AND LIFTS THE ONE THING LEFT OF ALL THE PERSONAL EFFECTS OF YOUNG TALL DOG...

HIS WARAXE, AIE! THE VERY AXE THAT BEAVER CARRIED WHEN HE DIED!



FOR SEVERAL DAYS, THE GREAT COMANCHE WAR CHIEF IS SEEN ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF CAMP. ALWAYS IN HIS HAND IS THE AXE, FLASHING IN THE SUNLIGHT—

IT FLIES TRUE TO THE MARK!



A GOOD WEAPON! IT IS NOT THE AXE'S FAULT THAT THOSE MEN DIED!



NOW STRAIGHT ARROW CARRIES THE CURSED AXE! SOON THE DOOM OF THE EVIL SPIRITS WILL STRIKE HIM!



THE HAND OF THE WAKAN TANKA STIRS THE SANDS OF LIFE AND MOVES ON. SOME DAYS LATER, A FOAM-FLECKED HORSE RACES THROUGH THE CAMP...

IT IS WILLOW BOY! SOMEONE CATCH HIM BEFORE HE FALLS!

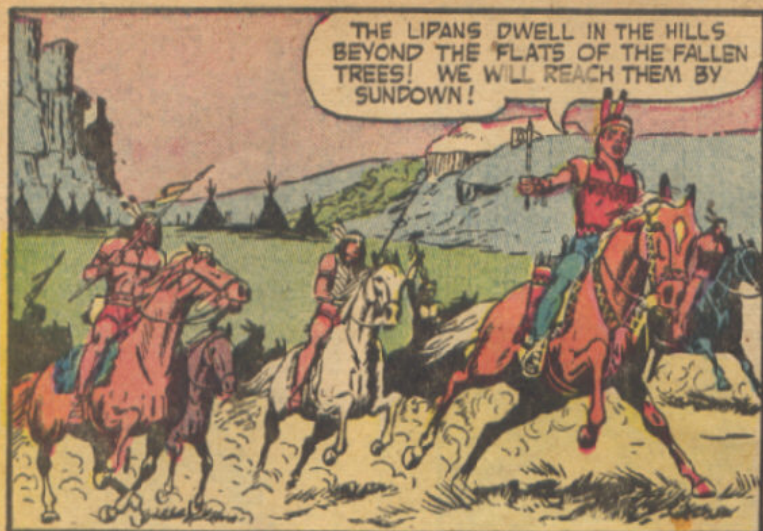


THE LIPANS... MANY OF THEM! ATTACKED OUR HUNTING PARTY... CAPTURED ALL BUT ME!



I CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS! WARRIORS AND BRAVES TO RIDE THE WARPATH WITH ME, TO FREE OUR CAPTIVE BROTHERS!





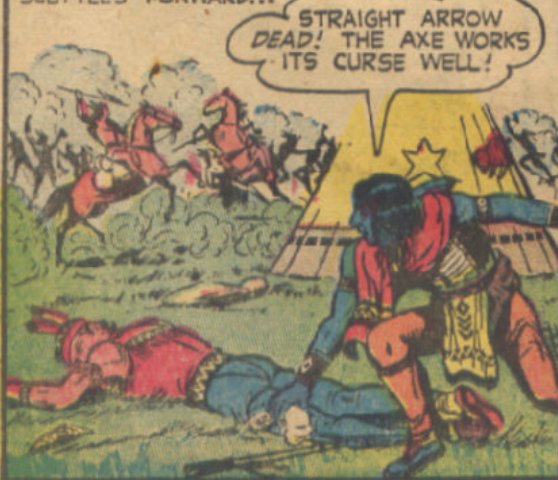
WITH A MIGHTY SWING, THE GREAT COMANCHE CHIEFTAIN STRIKES DOWNWARD AT HIS ENEMIES.



THE AXEHEAD LOOSENS IN ITS THONGS! IT FLIES DOWN...



THE FIGHT SWIRLS ON ABOUT HIM. THE LIPANS ARE DRIVEN BACK, AWAY FROM THEIR TEEPEES. AND IN THE SHADOWS, A FIGURE STIRS AND SCUTTLES FORWARD...



BUT DEATH HAS NOT CLOSED STRAIGHT ARROW'S EYES! INSTEAD, THEY WATCH HORSE RUNNING MUTTER AND MUMBLE OVER THE CURSED AXE. FOR, AT THE LAST MOMENT, SEEING HIS DANGER, STRAIGHT ARROW DUCKED HIS HEAD...



ON SILENT TREADING MOCCASINS, STRAIGHT
ARROW TRAILS HORSE RUNNING. TOWARD
DAWN...

BEAVER AND TALL DOG —
DEAD! I—WOUNDED!—AND
THOUGHT TO BE DEAD! NOW
HORSE RUNNING LEAVES THE
AXE BEFORE THUNDER-
CLOUD'S TEPEE! WHY?

AT A SAFE DISTANCE, HE TRAILS HORSE
RUNNING, WHO FLEES FROM THE COMANCHE
CAMP...

NEAR A TINY MOUNTAIN
STREAM...

TRULY, YOURS
IS GREAT MEDICINE, HORSE
RUNNING! WE DID WELL TO
COME TO YOU.

THESE ARE THE
GIFTS WE
PROMISED YOU
FOR YOUR
MAGIC!

THREE OF THE DOG SOLDIER
SOCIETY ARE DEAD! SOON,
MORE WILL DIE BECAUSE OF
THE CURSE OF THE SKULLS!
THEN THE RED SHIELD SOCIETY
WILL BE GREATER THAN THE
DOG SOLDIERS!

NO LONGER SHALL THEY WIN
THE PRIZES THAT SHOULD GO
TO US! NO MORE SHALL
THEIR ARROWS SLAY MORE
ENEMIES, OR THEIR SPEARS
MORE BUFFALO! THE MAIDENS
WILL SPEAK OF THE GREAT-
NESS OF THE RED SHIELD
WARRIORS! HAI!

WITH AN ANGRY CRY, STRAIGHT ARROW LEAPS
FROM HIS HIDING PLACE —

SO! THE RED
SHIELDS SLAY THEIR BROTHER
COMANCHES— FEARING AND
HATING THEM IN THE JEALOUSY
THAT TURNS MEN'S MINDS!
HERE IS YOUR AXE WITH WHICH
YOU SLAY! TAKE IT!

I TOOK THE AXE FROM THE
TEPEE OF THUNDERCLOUD!
IF I SEE IT AGAIN, I SHALL
SUMMON THE COUNCIL OF
CHIEFS AND TELL THEM
OF THE VIPERS THAT
LIVE AMONG US!

SHEDDING HIS ILL-GOTTEN LOOT AS HE RUNS, WITH FEAR LENDING WINGS TO HIS FEET, HORSE RUNNING RACES INTO THE HIGH ROCKS OF THE SLEEPING GIANT HILLS...

I MUST LOSE THIS CURSED AXE!

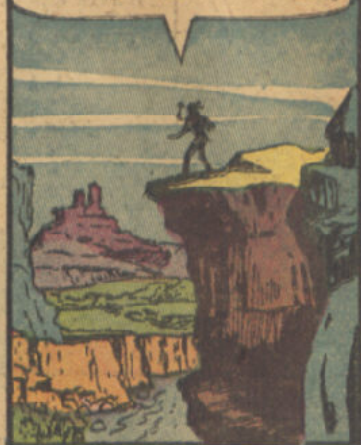


HORSE RUNNING IS THE GUILTY MAN! HE HAS SUMMONED UP THE FORBIDDEN HIDDEN SPIRITS IN THE SKULL CIRCLE! FOR THAT HE MUST BE PUNISHED!

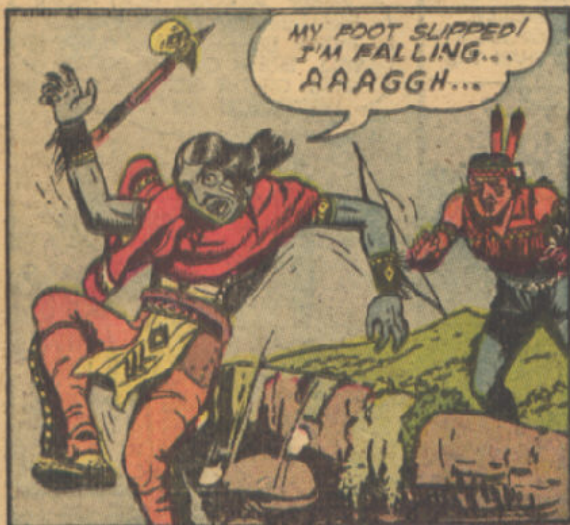


SOME DISTANCE AHEAD...

NO ONE WILL EVER FIND THE AXE IN THE WATERS OF THE MOUNTAIN RIVER!



MY FOOT SLIPPED! I'M FALLING... AAAGGH...

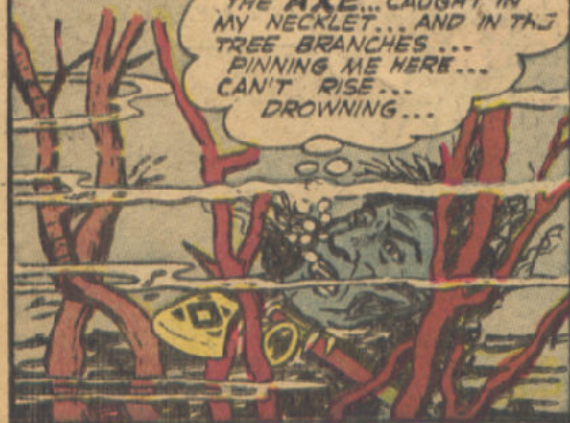


MISSED HIM!

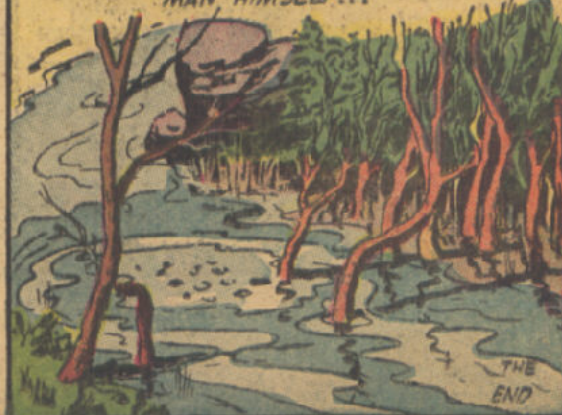


DOWN INTO THE FREEZING WATERS OF THE RIVER PLUMMETS HORSE RUNNING! DOWN HE SINKS, LIKE A STONE, AND AS HE SEEKS TO RISE—

THE AXE... CAUGHT IN MY NECKLET... AND IN THE TREE BRANCHES... PINNING ME HERE... CAN'T RISE... DROWNING...



AIEEE! STRANGE POWERS HAD THE INDIAN MEDICINE MAN! POWERS TO SUMMON UP QUEER CURSES THAT NO MAN COULD FIGHT AGAINST... NOT EVEN THE MEDICINE MAN HIMSELF...



THE END

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MISSION TO VENUS

YOU MUST
COPY THE
VENUSIANS'
INVASION
PLANS FROM
THEIR
MICROFILM!

I UNDER-
STAND...
COPY IT,
BUT NOT
STEAL
IT!

PROFESSOR
I'VE DESIGNED
THIS RING
ESPECIALLY
FOR THIS
MISSION!

YOU'LL
HAVE IT
IN AN
HOUR!

ROCKET 24
TO EARTH-IT
BE LANDS
ON VENUS
IN 15
MINUTES

ONE SHORT
BLAST AND
YOU'LL SLEEP
AN HOUR!

HERE'S THE
FILM! MAKE A
COPY WITH MY
ROCKET RING
AND THE SUN'S
RAYS... THEN
BACK TO EARTH!

CONGRATULATIONS
MAJOR... YOU'VE
SAVED US FROM
INVASION!

THANKS TO MY
ROCKET RING
THE VENUSIANS
DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHAT
PLANS I COPIED

GET ONE
OF THESE
ROCKET RINGS
FOR YOUR
VERY OWN!

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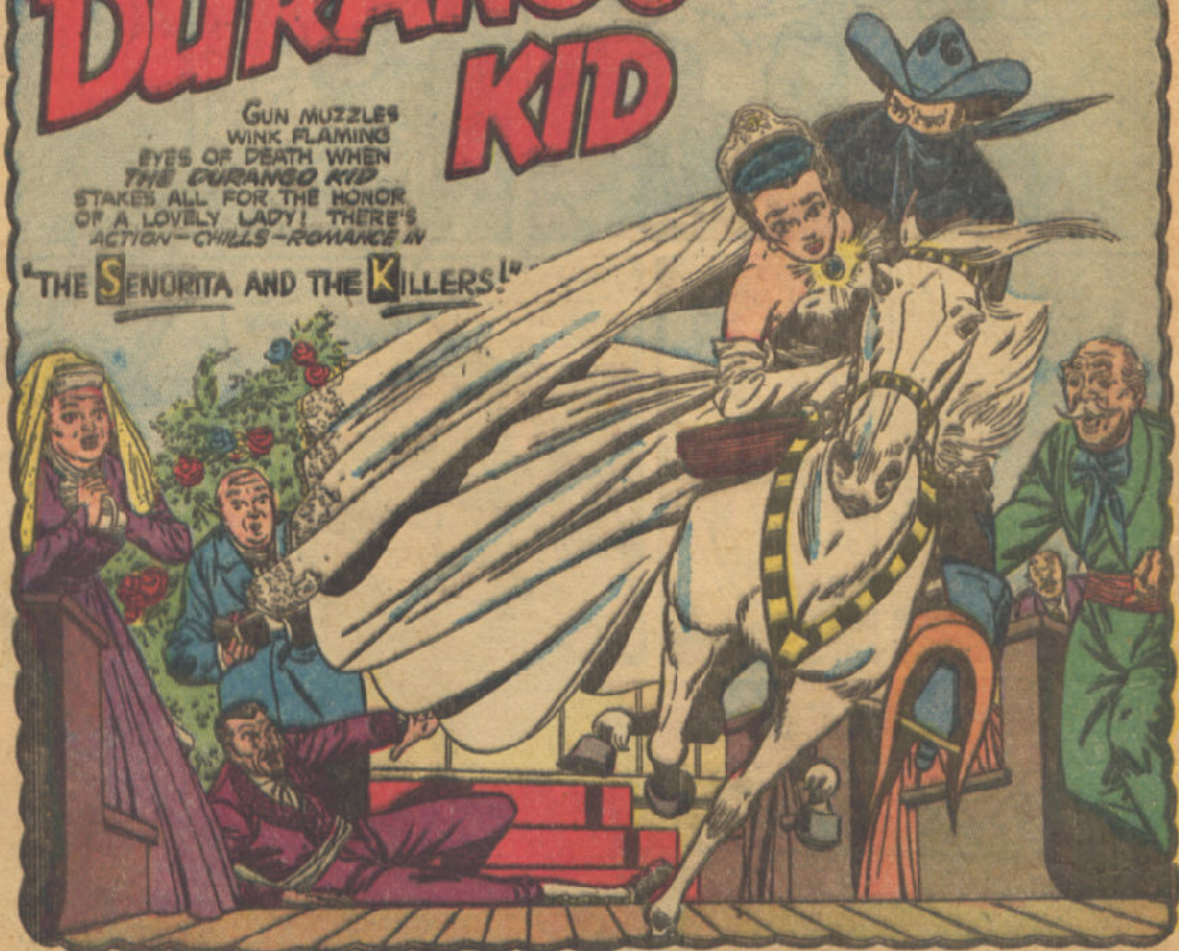


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The DURANGO KID

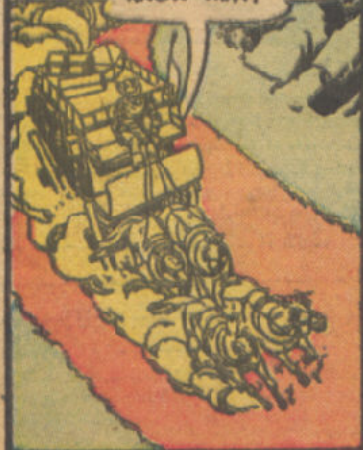
GUN MUZZLES
WINK FLAMING
EYES OF DEATH WHEN
THE DURANGO KID
STAKES ALL FOR THE HONOR
OF A LOVELY LADY! THERE'S
ACTION—CHILLS—ROMANCE IN

"THE SENORITA AND THE KILLERS!"



ON A STAGECOACH SPEEDING
FOR ABILENE...

OH, DONA CLARA—I AM SO
AFRAID! HOW CAN I MARRY
SENOR ROBINO?—I HARDLY
KNOW HIM!



HUSH, CHILD! YOU MUST
MARRY HIM! THE MARRIAGE
HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY YOUR
FAMILY, ACCORDING TO
ANCIENT CUSTOM.
AND YOUR FATHER
HAS GIVEN AS
YOUR DOWRY
THE PRICELESS
SEVILLE DIAMOND!

AM, THE
DIAMOND!
HOW
BEAUTIFUL
IT IS!

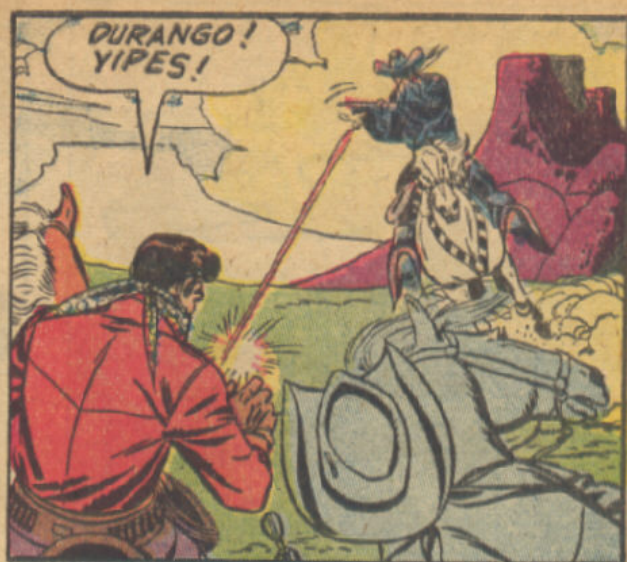


STOP THAT
STAGE AN'
REACH!

HIGHWAYMEN!
THE DIAMOND...!



BUT AT THE NEXT MOMENT...



A FEW HOURS LATER - AT THE RANCH OF SENOR DIEGO ROBINO...





THAT EVENING—IN MARINA'S ROOM...



MEANWHILE, AT A HIDEOUT NOT FAR AWAY...



ROBINO'S AFTER SOMETHING —MAYBE THAT DIAMOND. I'VE GOT A FEELING MARINA'S LIFE IS IN DANGER! I CAN'T PROVE IT YET—BUT UNTIL I CAN, SHE **MUST BE PROTECTED FROM THAT MAN!**



AND—AT THE ROBINO RANCH...



DIABLO! I DO NOT WANT TO MARRY! ALL I WANT IS TO GET MY HANDS ON THAT DIAMOND! —THEN YOU AND I CAN GO FAR AWAY AND LIVE LIKE RICH MEN. THERE MUST BE A WAY...!



BUT IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO HER NOW, PEOPLE'D GIT SUSPICIOUS. WHY NOT MARRY HER, BOSS? AN' THEN—AFTER A WHILE—SHE WOULD GIT "SICK" AN' DIE. KNOW WHUT I MEAN?

HMMM... MAYBE YOU ARE RIGHT...



AND SO—A FEW DAYS LATER, THE WEDDING TAKES PLACE...

WOW, THET GAL'S SOME LOOKER! ROBINO'S FAMILY SHORE FIXED HIM UP A SWELL BRIDE.

DO YOU SEE THAT ROCK AROUND HER NECK?

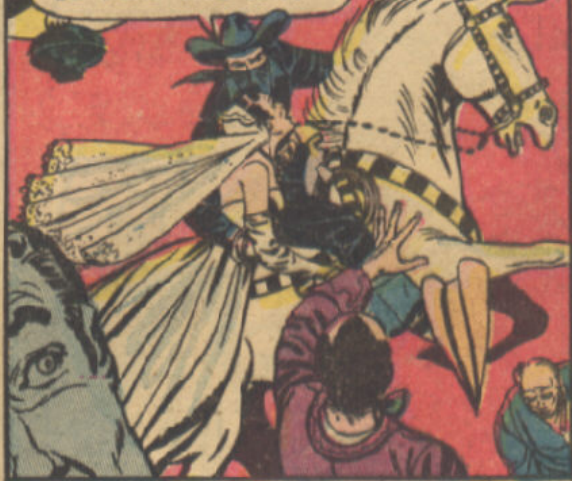


BUT SUDDENLY—!!

...AN' NOW! SENOR RUBINO, D'YUH TAKE THIS WOMAN TUH BE YORE LAWFUL WEDDED—WHUT THUH! **DURANGO!**



SORRY TO BREAK UP THE PARTY, GENTLEMEN—BUT IT'S JUST GOT TO BE DONE THIS WAY!



STOP HIM! SOMEBODY STOP THAT MAN!

JUMPIN' GOPHER! DURANGO AIN'T NEVER DONE ANYTHIN' LIKE THET BEFORE!

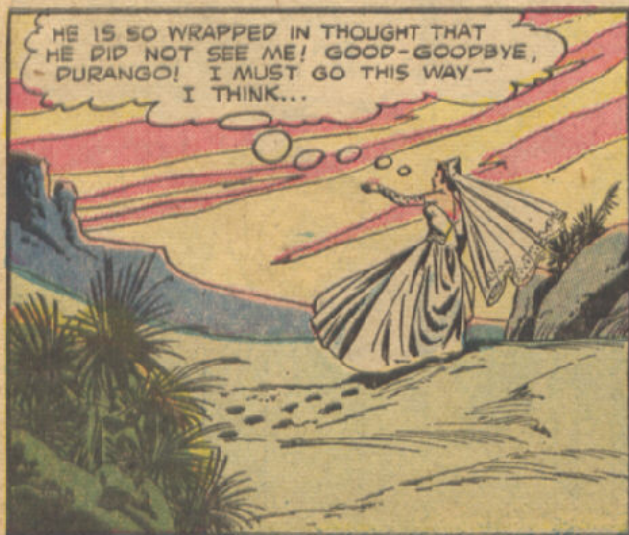


WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT THIS, SHERIFF?

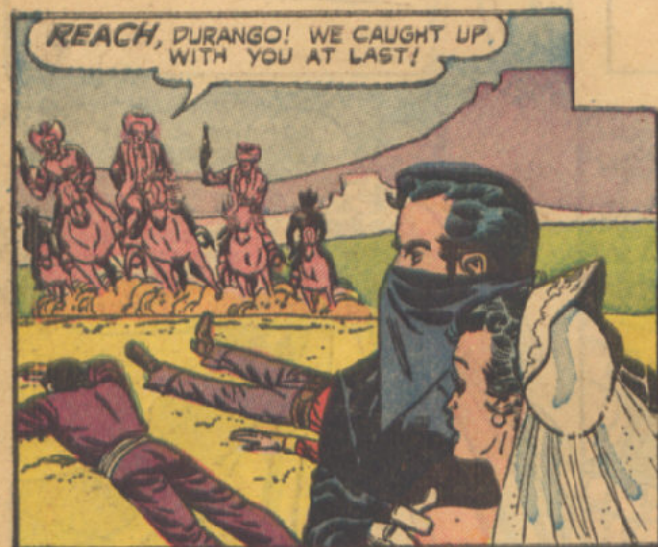
I'M DECLARIN' DURANGO AN OUTLAW—RIGHT NOW! I WANT EVERY MAN WITH A GUN AN' HOSS TUH JOIN ME AN' HELP **RUN HIM DOWN!**



SOME TIME LATER—AT A SECRET
ROCKY HIDEOUT...







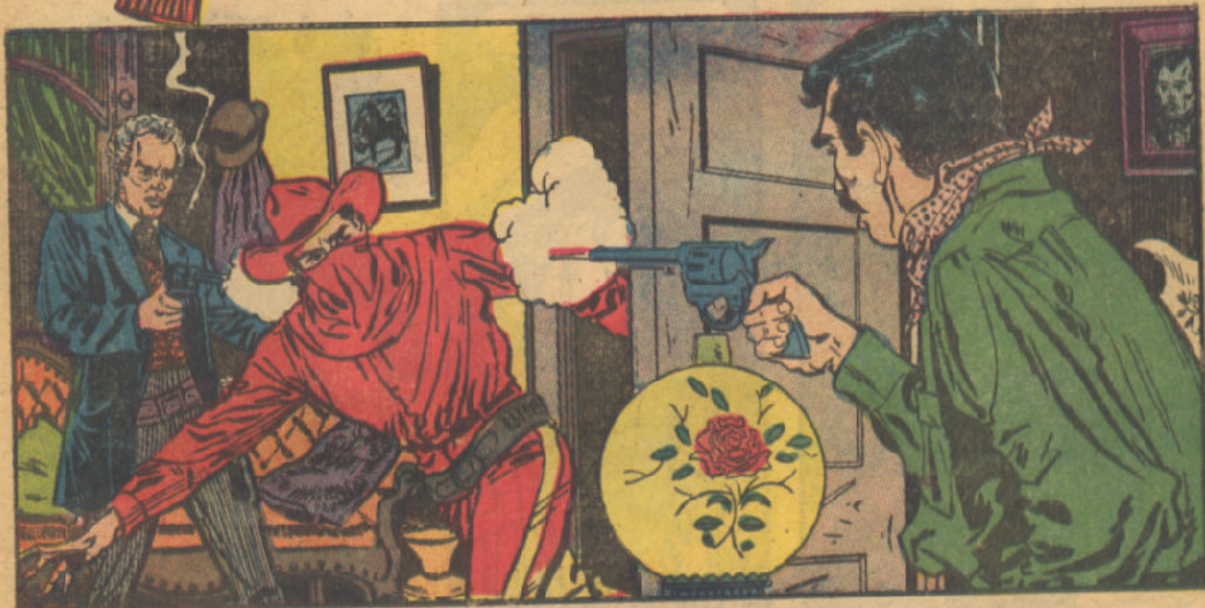
TIM HOLT

THE MEN OF THE OLD WEST LIVED AND DIED BY THE LAW OF THE GUN. TO THEM, THE COLT PEACEMAKER WAS THE COURT OF LAST RESORT, THAT JUDGED ALL QUESTIONS, AND THE MAN WITH THE FASTEST GUNHAND WAS THE BEST LAWYER! A MAN TOOK HIS COLT IN HIS HAND AND MADE HIS GAMBLE. IF HE WON, HE LIVED...

AND WHEN MASKED MEMBERS OF THE MUD RIVER GANG THUNDER INTO BULLET IN A SPRAY OF HOT LEAD, MEN WIN AND LOSE THAT GAMBLE, **TIM HOLT** LOSES HIS OWN COLT, AND **REDMASK** TAKES UP—

"THE TRAIL of the GUN!"

ILLUSTRATED BY
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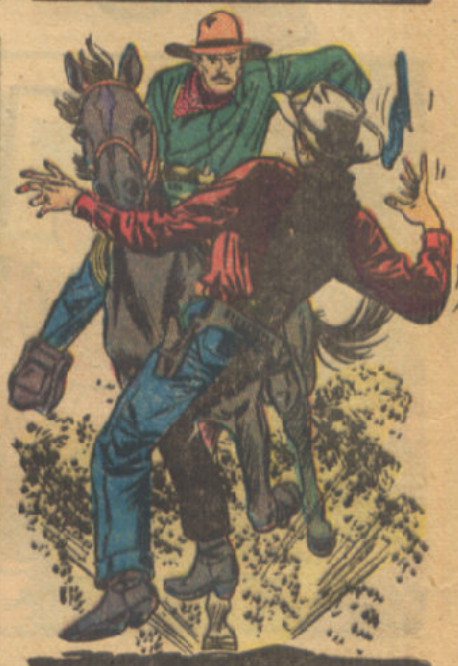
A THUNDER OF DRUMMING* HOOFs, A GUNSHOT SNAPPED DOWN AT A RUNNING MAN—

FROM A GENERAL STOPE DOORWAY COMES
TIM HOLT, DEPUTY SHERIFF—





A RAIN OF BULLETS SMASHES THE
OUTLAWS AS THEY EMERGE FROM
THE BANK...

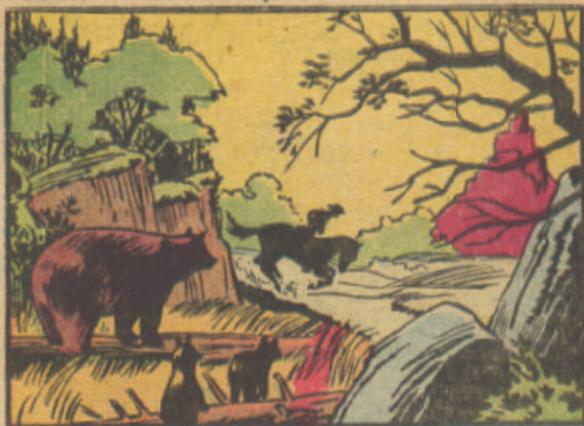


BY NIGHTFALL, OUTLAW BUZZ DELFT
IS DEEP IN THE FOOTHILLS...



LUCKY? HARDLY! BUZZ DELFT HAS DRAWN TIM'S ATTENTION TO HIM—FOR A WESTERNER, HIS GUN IS A PART OF HIM, AND TO STEAL IT IS A DEADLY INSULT!

HE CAMPS UNDER THE COLD AND LONELY STARS BY NIGHT, AND RIDES THE MOUNTAIN AND THE DESERT TRAILS BY DAY, ALWAYS SEARCHING...



SOME MILES AHEAD OF HIM, BUZZ DELFT IS THROWING IN A POKER HAND, HIS FACE LINED WITH DISGUST—

THAT CLEANS ME! FLATTER'N A STALE PANCAKE! RECKON I GOT TO SEE AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE SOONER'D I FIGGERED ON!



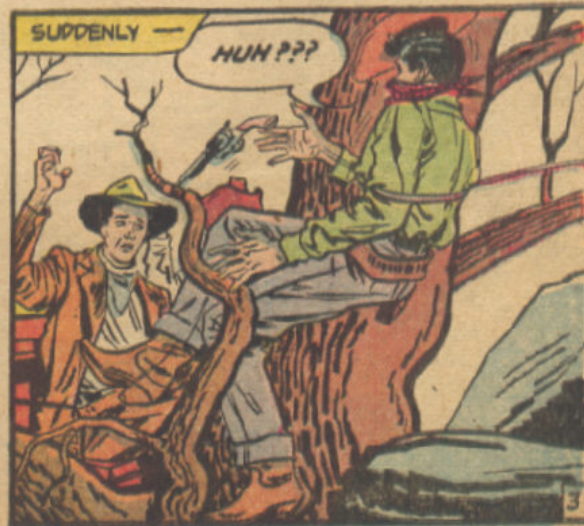
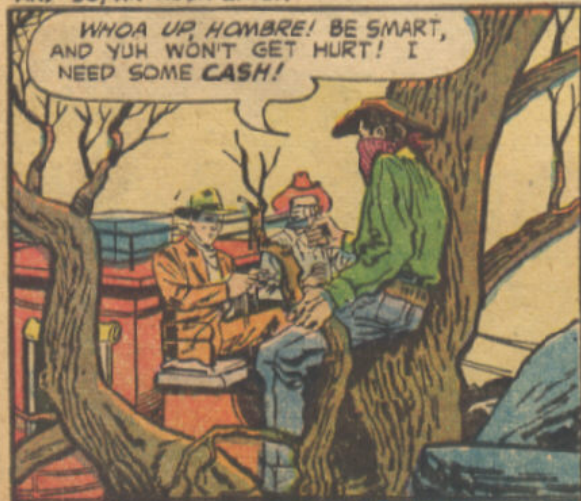
WHY NOT LET ME STAKE YOU? THIS GUN, NOW—I'LL GLADLY ADVANCE SOME CASH ON IT? SHALL WE SAY—FIFTY DOLLARS?... GOOD!



FIFTY IRON MEN AIN'T MUCH, BUT IT'LL HOLD ME UNTIL I CAN SEE JASE MOORE! HE OWES ME *PLENTY*! 'SIDES, THE CREEK-WATER STAGE IS DUE BY HERE IN A LITTLE WHILE. MEBBE I CAN ADD TO THAT FIFTY—PLUMB EASY!



AND SO, AN HOUR LATER—

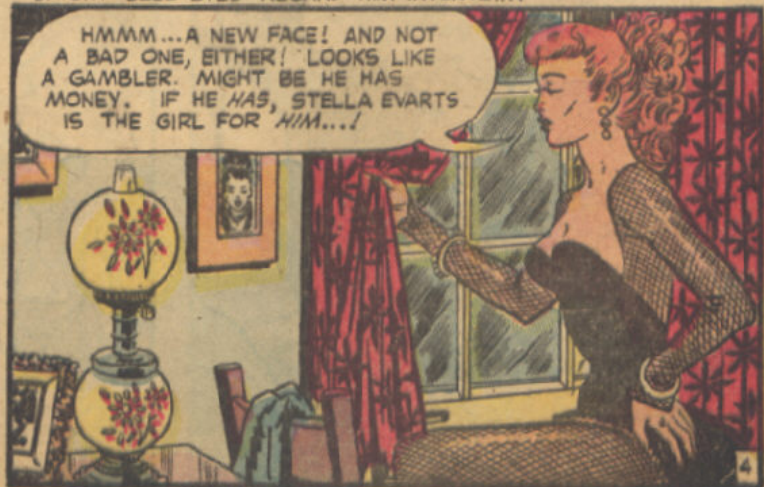




LIKE A CHIP ON THE VAST OCEAN, A GAMBLER FLOATS WITH THE TIDE. HE RIDES WHERE THERE ARE MEN WITH MONEY, MONEY TO BE GAMBLER ACROSS THE POKER TABLE! SO, FINGERS HAMLIN ARRIVES ONE DAY IN WICKIUP, LIVELIEST MINING TOWN SOUTH OF MILK RIVER, MONTANA...



FROM AN UPSTAIRS WINDOW OF THE LOCAL HOTEL, A PAIR OF BRIGHT BLUE EYES REGARD HIM INTENTLY...



THAT NIGHT, IN THE DESERT QUEEN SALOON, LADY LUCK SIDES WITH GAMBLER FINGERS HAMLIN...

FOUR BULLETS, GENTLEMEN! THE POT IS MINE! IT SEEMS I AM GIFTED TONIGHT! EVERYTHING I TOUCH TURNS TO GOLD!



I HAVE SOME GOLD TOO, MISTER! GOLD HAIR! MAYBE WE OUGHT TO GET TOGETHER! YOU'LL LIKE ME! I ALREADY LIKE YOU...



MUSTN'T KEEP A LADY WAITING, GENTLEMEN! WE'LL RESUME OUR PLAY ANOTHER TIME!



COME ON UP TO MY ROOM WHILE I CHANGE! THEN WE'LL GO OUT AND SEE THE SIGHTS!

SOUNDS GOOD TO ME, SWEETIE!



FROM A CURTAINED ALCOVE, SALOON OWNER, JASON MOORE WATCHES STELLA WALK OUT WITH FINGERS—AND A CUNNING SMILE TWISTS HIS MOUTH...

THAT HAMLIN HOMBRE WON OVER TEN THOUSAND IRON MEN, JASE! YOU AIN'T LETTIN' HIM GET AWAY WITH IT, ARE YOU?

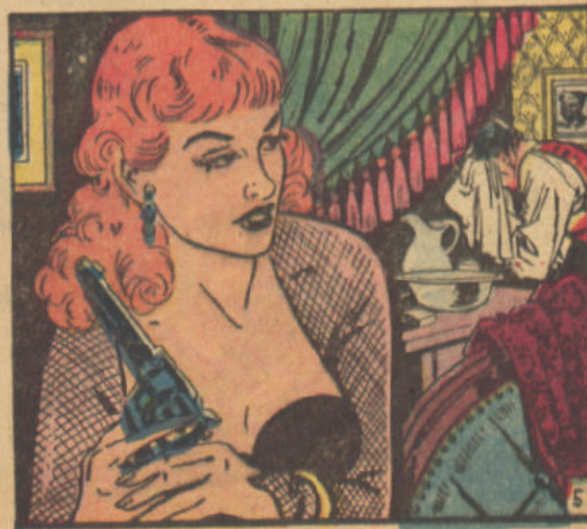
RELAX, SLICK! STELLA KNOWS WHAT TO DO!



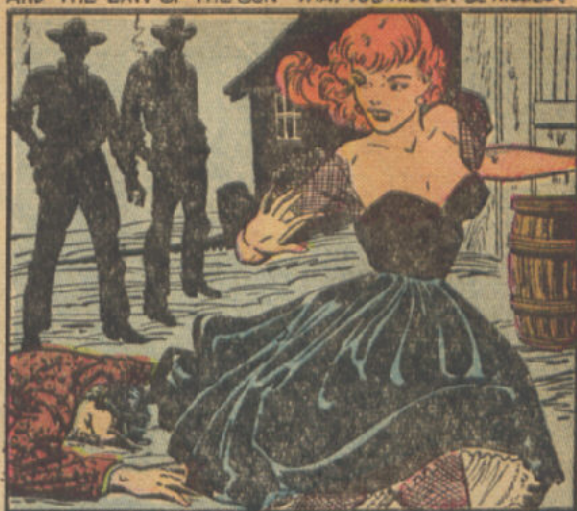
IN STELLA'S ROOM, MOMENTS LATER...

HERE NOW! YOU WASH UP WHILE I DRESS!

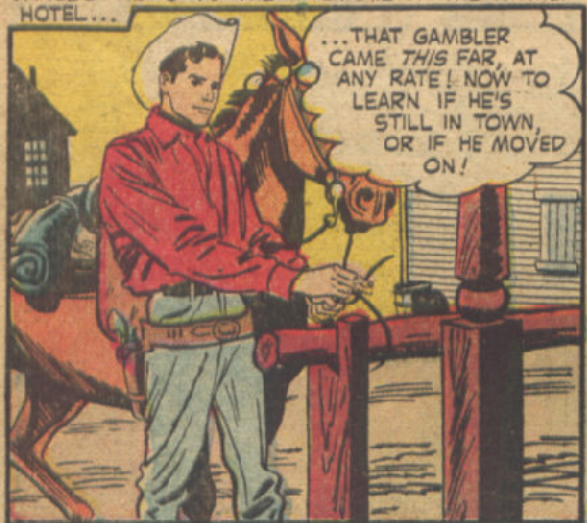
THAT GUN! I'VE GOT TO FIX IT SO NONE OF THE BOYS GETS HURT!



THIRTY MINUTES LATER, ON THE STREETS OF WICKIUP... AND THE LAW OF THE GUN—THAT YOU KILL OR BE KILLED!



IT IS SOME DAYS LATER THAT TIM HOLT TIES SUN DANCE'S REINS TO THE HITCHRAIL OF THE WICKIUP HOTEL...



QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED WITH SHRUGS, AND ALTHOUGH HE HUNTS ALL DAY LONG, TIM LEARNS NOTHING. THEN, EARLY IN THE EVENING—



WITH A RUNNING LEAP, TIM HURLS HIMSELF FORWARD—



A QUICK TWIST IN MIDAIR, AND HE LANDS ON HIS FEET...





AT A SWIFT GALLOP, TIM LEADS STELLA EVARTS OUT OF WICKIUP...



SOME HOURS LATER, AFTER HAVING SEEN STELLA EVARTS SAFELY ABOARD A STAGECOACH BOUND FOR SAN FRANCISCO, TIM HOLT DISAPPEARS, AND IN HIS PLACE RIDES THE CRIMSON FIGURE OF—

REDMASK OF THE RIO GRANDE!



AT THAT MOMENT, IN WICKIUP...



HA! HA! IS IT? ONE OF MY BOYS TELLS ME IT'S ALSO—REDMASK'S GUN! THAT MEANS WE KNOW WHO REDMASK REALLY IS, BUZZ!

SAY! THAT'S RIGHT! B-BUT HE AIN'T NO FIT HOMBRE TO TANGLE WITH! RECKON I'LL LAY LOW FOR A WHILE...!

RELAX! SIT DOWN! REDMASK WILL COME AFTER THAT GUN! WE KNOW THAT! ALL WE GOT TO DO IS WAIT—AND WE'LL TRAP HIM!

HUM! MEBBE YOU'RE RIGHT, AT THAT...

LISTEN! FOOTSTEPS! SOFT STEPS—LIKE SOMEONE DOESN'T WANT TO BE HEARD! QUICK—YOU GET ON ONE SIDE, I'LL GET ON THE OTHER!

WHEN HE COMES IN, WE'LL LET HIM HAVE IT!

OUTSIDE, IN THE CORRIDOR...

MEN WERE TALKING IN HERE JUST NOW! THEN THEY FELL SILENT—TOO QUICKLY! WHEN I GO INSIDE—

I'LL GO IN ON THE FLOOR...

HE DOUBLE-CROSSED US! HE DIDN'T—WALK—IN...!

AND WE SHOT EACH OTHER—GNNNGG!

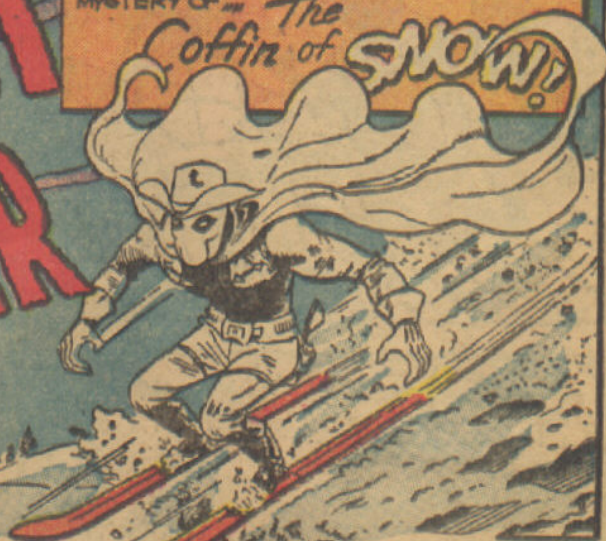
THE LAW OF THE GUN! YOU BOTH MADE YOUR GAMBLE TO WIN—BUT YOU LOST!

AND IN A LITTLE SALOON OFFICE ROOM, FILLED WITH THE ACRID GUNSMOKE SMELL—AND THE SOBERING PRESENCE OF DEATH ITSELF, THE TRAIL OF THE GUN COMES TO—
THE END!

GHOST RIDER

COMES DEEP WINTER— AND MURDER GOES ON THE PROUD! SNOW BLANKETS THE TRAILS, HIDES THE EVIDENCE— AND DEATH LAUGHS UP HIS SHOULDER SLEEVE! BUT— THEN COMES THE GHOST RIDER TO TURN THE SEASON TO HIS OWN ADVANTAGE— TO HAUNT THE WHITE-DRAPED HILLS— TO BLAST WIDE OPEN THE MYSTERY OF

The Coffin of SNOW!



WINTER COVERS THE LAND LIKE A SHROUD.

ALL RIGHT, MEN— THERE HE IS!



EH? WHO'S THERE? OH— IT'S YOU— IT'S— WHAT YUN DOIN' WITH THET GUN?

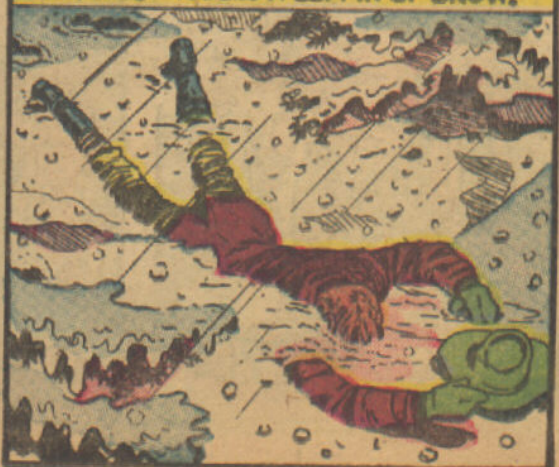


WHUT IS THIS A JOKE? WHY, WHY, AAAHHHHH!

BLAM!



AND THE FALLING SNOW LAYS ITS BLANKET OVER EVERYTHING— TO BUILD A COFFIN OF SNOW!



A FEW DAYS LATER — AFTER THE BLIZZARD —



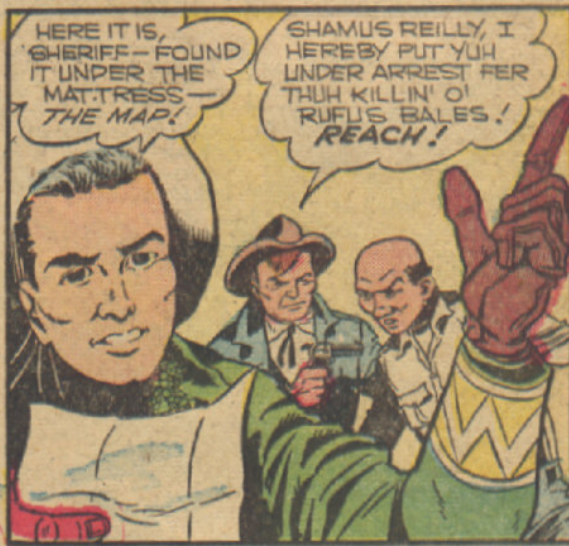
LATER THAT NIGHT, IN JIM THATCHER'S LAW OFFICE...

JIM THATCHER, AS TUH TOWN LAWYER, YUH PROBABLY KNOW MORE 'BOUT RUFUS BALES THAN MOST FOLKS.

DID HE HAVE ANY ENEMIES? WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO KILL A HARMLESS OLD MAN LIKE THAT?

GENTLEMEN—NOW IT CAN BE TOLD... THERE'S ONLY ONE REASON WHY ANYBODY WOULD WANT TO KILL POOR OLD RUFUS—HIS GOLD MINE!





LATER
THAT
NIGHT...

REILLY HANGS AT DAWN—
BUT HE *MIGHT* BE
INNOCENT. I MUST LEAVE
NO STONE UNTURNED...
THERE IS LITTLE TIME...
PERHAPS, IN THE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
THE MAP...



NOW WHY DIDN'T THIS
OCCUR TO ME BEFORE?
THIS MAP WAS SUPPOSED
TO HAVE BEEN DRAWN
FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—
YET, THIS IS FRESH
PAPER... AND
FRESH INK!



DID THE REAL KILLER DRAW A
FAKE MAP AND PLANT IT UNDER
REILLY'S MATTRESS? POSSIBLY!
BUT I NEED MORE PROOF. MAYBE
I'D BETTER VISIT THE
SCENE OF THE CRIME!



A FEW MINUTES LATER, AT
THE SCENE OF THE CRIME...

I WILL HAVE TO
GIFT THIS SNOW
CAREFULLY AND—
HARK! SOMEBODY'S
COMING! I'VE GOT
TO DO A FAST
DISAPPEARING
ACT!



THIS AIN'T
SMART—WHAT
IF SOMEBODY
KETCHES US
OUT HYAR?

THUH BOSS TOLD US THUH SEARCH
THIS PLACE GOOD—TUH MAKE
SHORE THAR AIN'T NO CLUES
LEFT AROUND THEY'LL SHOW
WHEN THUH SNOW MELTS. I
GUESS HE KNOWS WHUT
HE'S DOIN'...



THUH BOSS KNOWS WHUT
HE'S DOIN', ALL RIGHT. IT
SHORE WUZ SMART O'HIM
TUH PLANT THET FAKE
MAP UNDER REILLY'S
MATTRESS—HAW HAW!

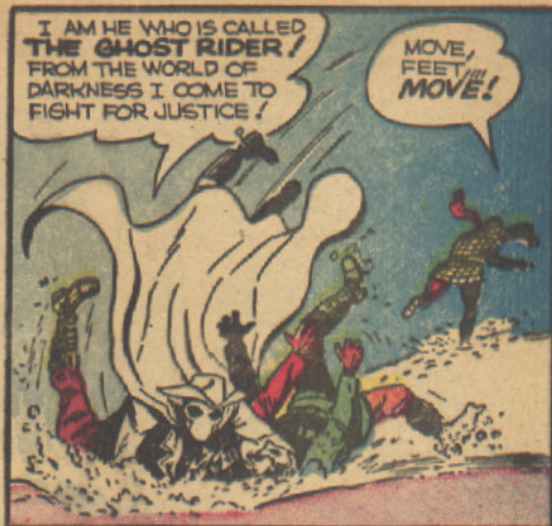


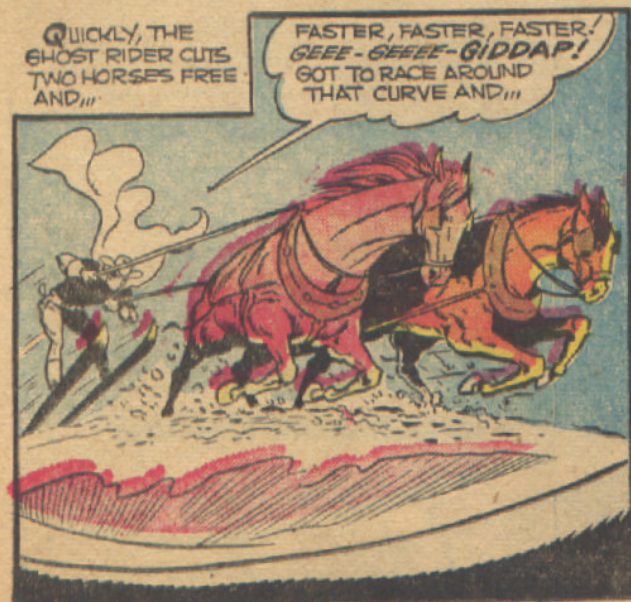
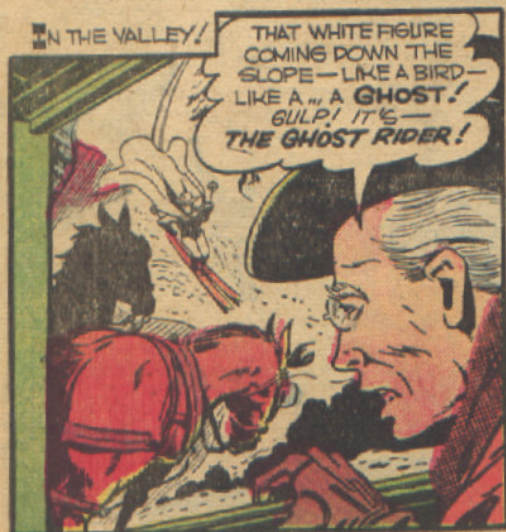
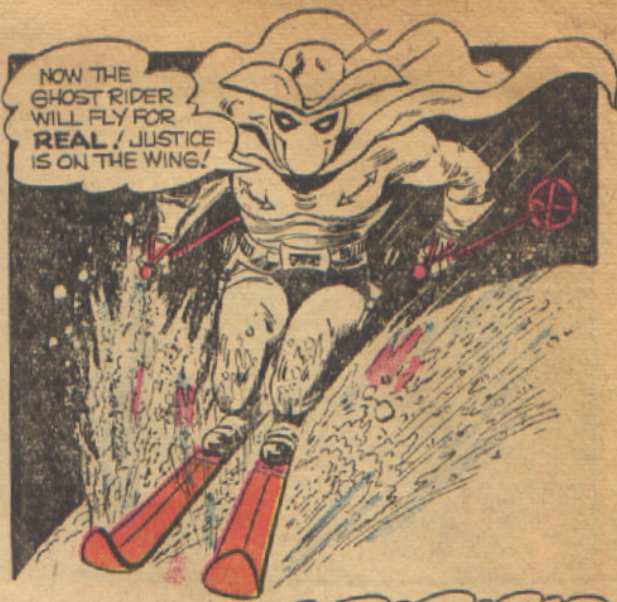
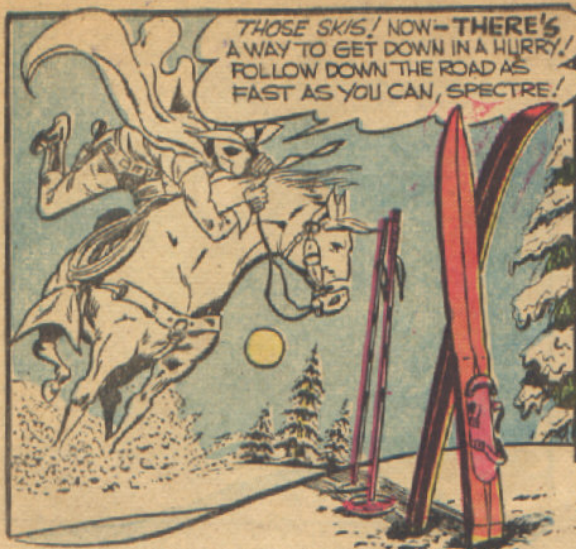
HEY! I JUST FELT
SOMETHIN' SOLID!
FEELS LIKE A—
A BODY! THAR'S
A HAND—AND—AND—
AND—AN ARM!
GULP!

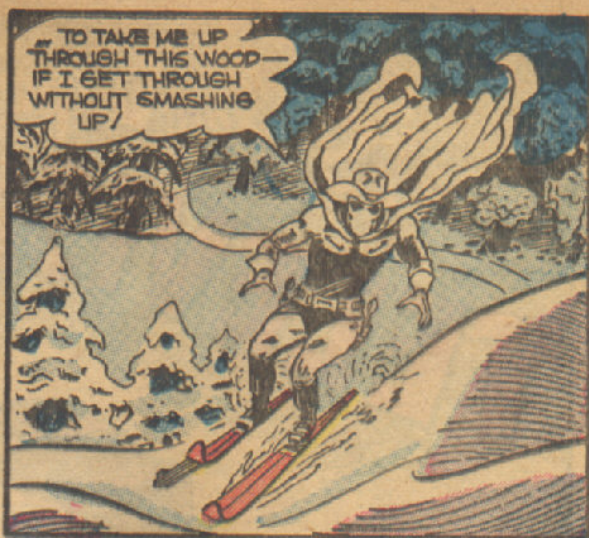
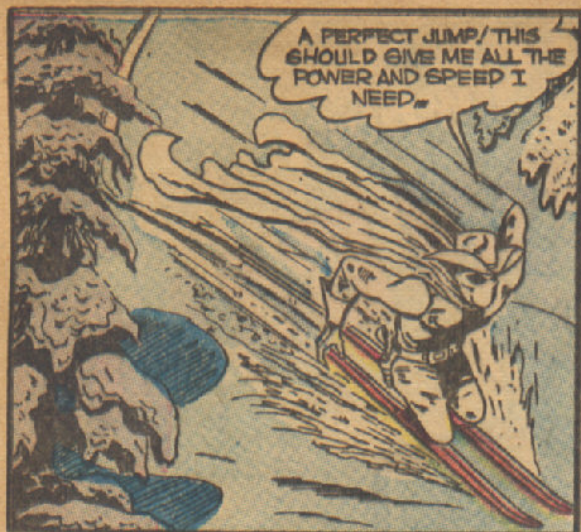
THEY D-D-D-DID
TAKE RUFUS!
B-B-BODY AWAY,
D-D-DIDN'T
THEY?



THE GHOST RIDER'S WHITE CAPE HAS CAUSED HIM TO BLEND WITH THE SNOW — BUT NOW...







THE SHOW'S ON,
GANG!

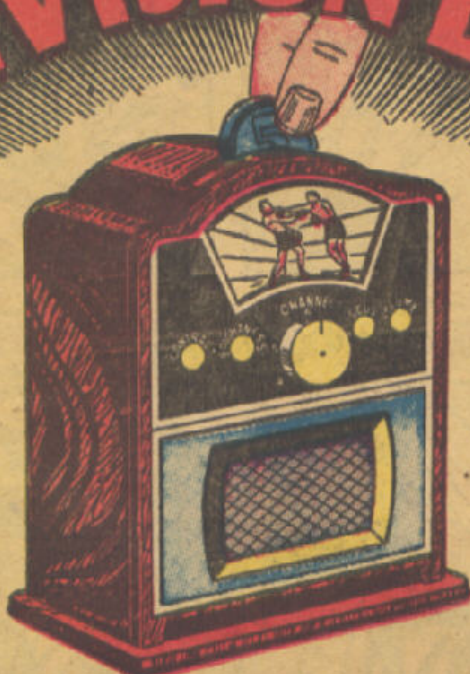
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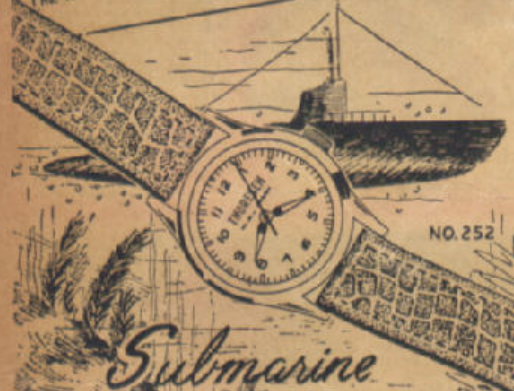
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